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SUBJECT: GERMAN PLANS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF NUCLEAR
WASTE

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1. FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF AN
INTERVIEW ON JUNE 6 BY DR. E. ALBRECHT, MINISTER
PRESIDENT OF THE STATE (LAND) OF LOWER SAXONY
WHERE, ACCORDING TO THE PLANS OF THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT, GERMANY'S 1500 TONNE REPROCESSING
CENTER WILL BE SITUATED.

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2. BEGIN INFORMAL TRANSLATION.

QUESTION: AS SEEN FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT YOU
HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSURING THE NUCLEAR
ENERGY SUPPLY FOR THE FRG, BECAUSE ONLY IN YOUR
STATE DO WE FIND THE GEOLOGICAL CONDITIONS FOR A

SAFE DISPOSAL OF NUCLEAR WASTE. YOU HAVE SELECTED THE SITE GORLEBEN NEAR THE BORDER TO THE GDR, WHICH IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION. BUT YOU HAVE ALSO SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL WHICH CALLS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL SOLUTION WITH STORAGE IN THE U.S. YOU ARGUE THE SUPPLIER OF NUCLEAR FUEL SHOULD ALSO TAKE CARE OF THE NUCLEAR WASTE. THIS PROPOSAL WAS TURNED DOWN BY PRESIDENT CARTER AT THE LONDON SUMMIT MEETING WHO EXPLICITLY DENIED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE STORAGE OF FOREIGN SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL INSIDE THE US. DO YOU HAVE DETAILS ON THIS REACTION AND DO YOU SEE ANY REASON TO ALTER YOUR PROPOSAL?

ALBRECHT: NO, I DON'T SEE THE SLIGHTEST INDICATION THAT I HAVE TO ABANDON MY SUGGESTION. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN MY PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL SOLUTION OF THIS URGENT PROBLEM. I START FROM THE FACT THAT IT POSES A SERIOUS PROBLEM WHEN THIS REPROCESSING CENTER IS CONSTRUCTED IN A DENSELY POPULATED AREA SUCH AS GERMANY OR ANY OTHER PLACE IN CENTRAL EUROPE. THE MAIN DIFFICULTIES THAT ARISE ARE THE NECESSITY OF PREVENTING ANY EMISSION OF SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF RADIOACTIVITY THROUGH THE AIR OR THE WATER. ON THE OTHER HAND IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE THAT WE STORE IN THE GROUND NUCLEAR WASTE THAT REMAINS DANGEROUS FOR TEN TO TWENTY THOUSAND YEARS. ONE SHOULD BE VERY RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT SUCH BIG RISKS. I THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY

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TO FIND SOLUTIONS THAT PROVIDE FOR THE STORAGE OF

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THE SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL IN DESERT AREAS. THIS IS
THE BASIC IDEA UNDERLYING MY PROPOSAL. PRESIDENT
CARTER HAS SAID THAT HE DOES NOT WANT A PLUTONIUM
ECONOMY FOR THE US AND HAS DEMANDED THAT ALL OTHER
NATIONS RENOUNCE SIMILAR PLANS. BUT IN THE MEANTIME
HE HAS BEGUN TO REVISE HIS POSITION. CURRENTLY
THERE WE OBSERVE A VERY INTENSE DISCUSSION IN THE
US WHETHER IT WOULD NOT BE MOST APPROPRIATE TO
CREATE AN INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL MANAGEMENT
AGENCY THAT PROVIDES FOR AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF
NUCLEAR FUEL AND THE MANAGEMENT OF ITS WASTE FOR ALL
MEMBER NATIONS WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION AND ECONOMIC
DISADVANTAGES.

QUESTION: THIS MUST BE A VERY RECENT DEVELOPMENT.
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ALBRECHT: I WOULD SAY THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT IS STILL
IN ITS PRELIMINARY STAGE. THESE THOUGHTS CURRENTLY
CIRCULATE AMONG THE ADVISERS OF THE AMERICAN
PRESIDENT. THEY POINT IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. AND I
BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE TO THE VERY GOOD OF THE
FRG TO SUPPORT ANY SUCH PLANS. END INFORMAL
TRANSLATION.

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